

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph on page 2, beginning at line 15 with the following amended paragraph:

The operational difference between the functionality of a conventional corded telephone and a typical cordless telephone may be problematic. For example, children are typically taught at a young age that in the case of an emergency they should pick up the nearest telephone and dial 9-1-1. This message is drilled into them from Sesame Street<sup>TM</sup> and other PBS<sup>TM</sup> programming, from daycare, from preschool, etc. However, the tutorial simply states to dial 9-1-1. It does not instruct a child, necessarily, to first listen for a dial tone, and to first press the proper buttons on the keypad to obtain a dial tone if one is not present. A dangerous situation may therefore exist where a child is attempting to contact emergency personnel, but is unable to because the cordless handset is in an on-hook condition and is waiting for the proper activation direction. There is therefore a need for a cordless telephone handset that is responsive to a 9-1-1 sequence even if the handset is in an on-hook condition.